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FORMER SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF SENTENCED TO OVER 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY AND OTHER FEDERAL FELONY OFFENSES

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that TIMOTHY JAMES KELLY, 46, of Ripon, California was sentenced today by United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to 123 months federal incarceration for armed bank robbery and three additional federal violent crime offenses.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Elk Grove Police Department, and Police Departments in Fresno, Merced, Santa Clara and San Francisco.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, KELLY is a former Deputy Sheriff and ten year veteran of the San Joaquin Sheriff's Department. In 1994, KELLY was charged with embezzlement; he later resigned from the Sheriff's Department and was convicted of filing false reports. Two years later, KELLY was convicted in federal court of bank robbery and being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was sentenced to 41 months in prison. On November 9, 2006, KELLY was arrested by FBI Special Agents and Task Force Officers of the Sacramento Violent Crimes Task Force and Officers of the Ripon Police Department after a high speed chase which ended when he crashed his vehicle near the intersection of Highway 20 and Murphy Road in San Joaquin County.

On February 27, 2007, KELLY pled guilty to the following: armed bank robbery of the Wells Fargo Bank in Santa Clara, California on September 1, 2006; bank robbery of the Bank of America branch in Elk Grove, California on October 13, 2006; using and carrying a firearm during a violent crime (the Wells Fargo armed bank robbery); and being a felon in possession of a firearm in Ripon, California on November 9, 2006 (the date of KELLY's arrest). According to court documents, as relevant conduct, KELLY is also responsible for four additional bank robberies.

KELLY will be on federal supervised release for five years following completion of his prison term. In addition, KELLY was ordered to pay full restitution in the amount of \$18,403.39.

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